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SUBJECT: FOUNDER OF EGYPT'S FIRST INDEPENDENT UNION ON  
LABOR ACTIVISM

REF: A. CAIRO 1578 B. CAIRO 684 Classified By: Economic-Political Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for reason 1.4(d)  
[1](#)1. Key Points: -- (C) On September 30, Makram Labib, who with Kamal Abu Eita established the Real Estate Tax Collectors Union (RETU), Egypt's  
[1](#)2. (C) Comment: Labib's assessment that Egypt's current wave of labor unrest is primarily an economic and social, not political, phenomena is  
[1](#)4. (C) Labib said he agreed with RETU's April 2009 decision to apply to Egypt's Ministry of Manpower and Migration (MOMM), the GoE ministry re  
[1](#)5. (C) Labib views Egypt's labor movement as almost exclusively focused on economic issues. He does not see RETU CAIRO 00001892 002 OF 002 as